(a) whether it is a fact that minor girls in India are married off to foreigners on the basis of monetary transaction; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Some incidents have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The enquiry and action in the matter is a State subject and lies with the State Government. However, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian Army Chief meeting with US Deputy Secretary of State

1445-D. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gen. S. F. Rodrigues, *Indian Chief of Army Staff met* U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Mr. Laurence Eagleburger in U.S. recently; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Mr. Eagleburger indicated the U.S. desire that India should reconsider if opposition to signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty; if so, what is the Government of India's stand now that China and france have agreed to sign it; and

(c) what transpired at his meeting with the Chairman of the U.S. Joints Chief of Staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

12,00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing)

II. Notification of Ministry of Surface Transport publishing the corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. No. 931 (E) dated the 30th Nov., 1990.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1968:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 201(E), dated the 3rd April, 1991, approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 214(E), dated the 15th April, 1990 approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 217(E), dated the 15th April, 1991, approving the Madras Port Trust Employees (Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 228(E), dated the 22nd April, 1991, approving the Kandla Port (Authorisation of Pilots) Amendment (Second) Regulations, 1991.

(v) G.S.R. No. 931(E), dated the 30th November, 1990, approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension) (First Amendment) Regulations, 1991.